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TLETS Re-engineering Update

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) continues to make steady progress towards converting the existing TLETS system from the System Network Architecture (SNA) standard to the Internet Protocol (IP) standard. A Request For Proposal (RFP) is currently posted and when those proposals have been weighted a plan for testing equipment and applications will go in effect. In addition, DPS personnel will be involved in intensive training to learn as much about new equipment and applications as possible before wide scale implementation. In-house training and test is slated to begin in the 3rd quarter of 2004 with the intention of identifying and working through as many problems as possible prior to beginning the statewide rollout. As soon as DPS technical personnel are fully trained, they will open up testing to vendors who want to bring their hardware and/or software to DPS Headquarters in Austin for test in a fully functional off-line environment. Vendors who wish to test only a software application must supply their own hardware platform to test on. **Information on how to make arrangements to get hardware and software on the test lab will be passed on through the TLETS Newsletter as soon as it becomes available. Please do not call or write to request test dates until that announcement is made.**

During the rollout a Hughes technician will have to visit each site and make a small configuration change on the Personal Earth Station (PES). Subsequently, that technician will remove the existing RS-232 connection between the terminal equipment and the back of the PES. To finish, the technician will connect the sites **IP enabled** terminal equipment to the PES with the **user-supplied** cable and RJ45 connector. These site visits will be scheduled well in advance of anyone being dispatched to a specific location. Specifications for connecting hardware and software will be released as soon as they are identified and adequately tested. Please direct any questions that may arise to email address, tlets@txdps.state.tx.us

As additional information becomes available the TLETS staff will pass it along immediately. We are dedicated to making this transition as trouble-free as possible and as always our staff will be available to help in any way they can. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we upgrade this most important service.

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Texas Chapter APCO International State Conference.

The Texas Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, (APCO) will host its Fall Conference in San Antonio October 12-15, 2003. The conference location will be at the Four Points Sheraton River walk North, 110 Lexington Avenue. For more information go to: <http://www.txapco.org/>. Registration and conference schedule will be located on that site.

TEXAS MISSING PERSONS DNA DATABASE

The new Texas Missing Persons DNA Database is now collecting samples that will be used to compare a family member's DNA to DNA extracted from unidentified remains in an effort to solve missing person cases. Investigators across Texas are urged to submit DNA from family members of "high-risk" missing persons to the new database, which is housed at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. Investigators and medical examiners are also encouraged to submit DNA from unidentified remains to the Health Science Center in Fort Worth for specialized, mitochondrial DNA testing. For more information and free DNA collection kits for family members of missing persons, contact the University of North Texas Health Science Center at 817/735-5451 or 817/735-0188.

**Texas Missing Persons Clearinghouse
Special Crimes Service
1-800-346-3243**



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TRAINING CALENDAR

2003 SCHEDULE

SAN ANGELO

September 15 – 19, 2003 – REGION 4

WICHITA FALLS

October 6-10, 2003 – REGION 5

LACY LAKEVIEW (WACO)

November 3-7, 2003 – REGION 6

PENDING

December 8-12, 2003- REGION 1

TLETS/NLETS AND TCIC/NCIC BASIC PROCEDURES COURSE # 3811 – Contact DPS Austin at mnemonic address JJ04 or call 512/424-2419 or 2014. Agencies desiring the 3-day TLETS/NLETS Operator's Course can attend the first 3 days of the 40-hour school. E-mail joanne.jenkins@txdps.state.tx.us

For more information concerning training, type in TRAINING in the options menu screen and press the F1 Key

New Window Validation Stickers

Texas Department of Transportation will be introducing a new window validation sticker in 2004. The new sticker will include: the vehicle license plate number, expiration date of the window validation sticker, county of registration and the last eight characters of the vehicle identification VIN number. This new process will involve all 254 county tax offices and vendors such as groceries stores and title processors. All participants will have a machine that will generate this new sticker, when you renew your vehicle registration at those locations. The barcode and sticker control number is located at the bottom of the sticker. The stickers are 3 ¾ wide by 2 ¼ high.



Senate Bill 1063

The Department of Public Safety has been working closely with the Department of Transportation to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 1063 which affected Section 1, Section 643.104 of the Transportation Code. Effective September 1, 2003, the Department of Public Safety is responsible for notifying local law enforcement agencies when a motor carrier's certificate of registration has been revoked for failing to maintain liability insurance coverage.

In order to meet the short deadline, the Department of Public Safety chose to establish a link from the DPS web site to a web page with the information being provided to the Department of Public Safety by the Department of Transportation. A notification will be included daily in the APB summary to notify and instruct law enforcement agencies on how to obtain this information.

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DIFLE/> A security screen will appear Username: diflle (DIFLE)
Password: xm3692TL

BULLETIN BOARD

The Texas Association of Property Evidence Inventory

Technicians (TAPEIT), will host a conference in Huntsville October 22-24, 2003. TAPEIT has over 400 members and is geared for anyone who works with property and evidence. The fee for this course is \$100.00 for members, \$125.00 for non-members (includes one year's membership dues). This course is TCLEOSE certified for those that are commissioned officers. Conference location will be at the LaQuinta Inn for reservations call 1.800.531.5900 124 IH 45 North. For additional information go to: www.tapeit.net or contact Melinda Strange, Huntsville PD mstrange@huntsvilletx.gov or by phone 936.291.5464.

PD McKinney

The McKinney Police Department will be hosting a Tactical Dispatch course at the Collin County Law Enforcement Academy November 3-6, 2003. This course will cover understanding command procedures, field operation procedures, the make-up and functions of response teams, processing information for tactical operation and responsibilities of the tactical dispatcher at a critical incident. Cost of the course is \$275 for registration contact Gina Hight at 972.548.6862 or for more information contact Keith Long at 972.547.7600

NEW AGENCIES ON TLETS

FARMERS BRANCH DALLAS COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (DCCCD) FDCZ
KINGSVILLE NAVAL AIR STATION KNSZ
LAREDO DEA TF #78 NBD4
ROMAN FOREST PD RFPZ
SUNSET VALLEY PD SVPZ

MNEMONIC ADDRESS CHANGES

	OLD	NEW
KINGSVILLE PD	KVPZ	KVX1
MESQUITE PD	MSX1	MSTZ

DELETED AGENCIES

SANTA FE NTF #18	NC50
LAREDO HIDTA TF#26	NBD8
RICHLAND COLLEGE PD	DRCZ

AGENCY NAME CHANGES

INS- changed to The Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. (BCIS)

INS Border Patrol change to Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. (BCBP)

2ND QUARTER TLETS PUZZLER ANSWERS

Across Answers

1. PUBLICCCH 11.1
3. APBSUMARRY 5.7
4. OFFENSE 4.10
8. OVERDUETRAVELERS 4.13
10. WWBI APP.6
11. COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY MaCounty
13. PLATES Dirlist
15. MENUH PF23
16. ORION 13.1

Down Answers

2. CURRENTSTATUS 6.1
3. AMERICANSAMOA "SOC" help
5. FELONYCASES 12.2
6. SENDINGOPERATOR 5.0
7. CNGEN "NHF" help
8. RIFLES PF22 deleted
9. DCINTEROO 13.4
12. HANDGUN Dirlist
14. PHN "TU" help

TLETS MANUAL REVISION

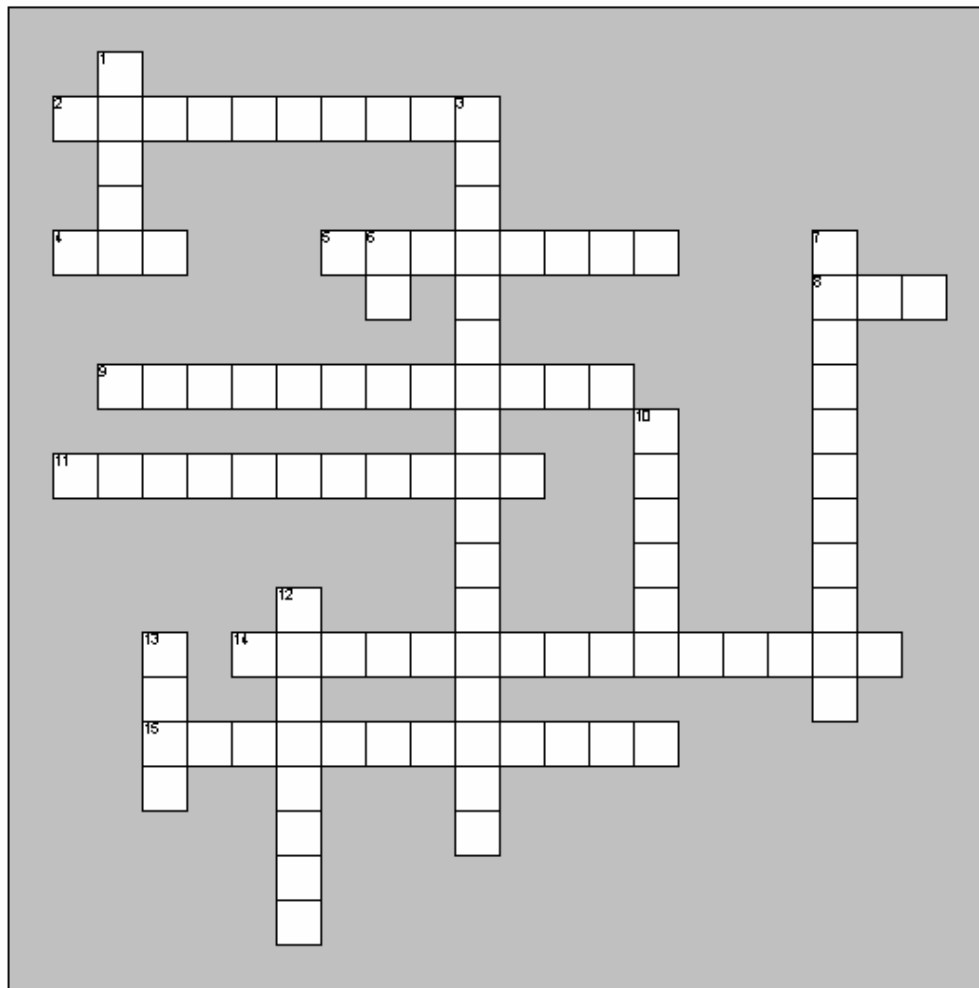
The TLETS/NLETS Operating Manual is being revised and should be complete by September 15, 2003.

To obtain a copy, go to the TCIC web site at: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/tcic2000project>

A security screen will appear enter username of: tcic2000

Password: mel18can2 (M E L 1 8 C A N 2)

Crossword



Across

2. ROW messages are _____ from state-wide broadcast.
4. The type of Texas DL inquiry that provides current suspension status.
5. These type messages can only be sent to a maximum of 3 geographical area/regions in Texas.
8. This key allows users to recall the last four messages sent or received.
9. To access TLETS "field help", enter this in the field and press the ENTER key.
11. On May 23, 1993, DPS began entering out-of-state _____ accidents, and active suspensions on Texas DL returns.
14. BC is it's Canadian province territory code.
15. This type of message should be made when a message is no longer valid.

Down

1. Reason code "F" used in the RSN: field of all Canadian NLETS/INTERPOL inquiry formats.
3. This Federal agency provides vehicle registration on diplomatic license plates.
6. The internationally recognized code used in the NLETS HAZMAT system is called a _____ number.
7. A section of the manual listing common telecommunications abbreviations.
10. One of the two types of administrative message formats.
12. ACTS is the Aircraft _____ System.
13. Transaction code for the manual criminal history request.